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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following documents listed on form PTO-1449 were unearthed in the course of a search conducted during prosecution of the PCT counterpart application. A copy of the Search Report and each of the listed documents is enclosed. None of these documents discloses or suggests the subject matter of applicants' invention, as delineated by present claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 11.

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It is submitted that the present application is patentable over the listed references and in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), it is understood that no fee is necessary for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed after the later of three months from the filing date or the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits; but with the following certification: that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the Search Report from the European Patent Office in the PCT counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. (The Search Report was mailed July 25, 2003.) Furthermore, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that no additional fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event that the Commissioner deems that an

additional fee is required, it is respectfully requested that applicant's attorney be contacted and accorded an opportunity to pay such additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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